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## Gentlemen:

The U.S. Department of Energy/Rocky Flats Office (DOE/RFO) is formally submitting to your agencies a Preliminary Draft Pond Water Management Interim Measures/Interim Remedial Action (IM/IRA) Decision Document. Your agencies proposed an Interagency Agreement (IAG) milestone for the submittal of the Draft Pond Water IM/IRA document into the IAG by November 22, 1993. The IAG has not been amended to incorporate this milestone; however, this correspondence forwards this submittal to your agencies for review and preliminary comment.

DOE/RFO is submitting the Preliminary Draft Pond Water Management IM/IRA document without any internal review from EG&G, DOE/RFO, and DOE/HQ. DOE/RFO strongly feels that our goal of attaining a quality, technically defensible document has been sacrificed by the November 22, 1993 target. Despite this, DOE/RFO has made considerable effort in developing a thorough Draft IM/IRA document for pond water management. In good faith, DOE/RFO is submitting this document to your agencies on November 22, 1993. As it now stands, your agencies will be reviewing this preliminary draft document concurrently with EG&G, DOE/RFO, and DOE/HQ.

For clarification purposes, in your November 18, 1993 letter to DOE, your agencies state that DOE did not provide any information on the progress of the Pond Water IM/IRA document. We don't believe this to be true. On June 23, 1993, DOE/RFO sent to your agencies a progress report on the development of the document. Through a phone conversation (November 18, 1993) between DOE staff, Norma I. Castaneda and EPA staff, Bill Fraser, that June letter was noted, and faxed to Mr. Fraser for further clarification.

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DOE/RFO requests that your agencies along with EG&G, DOE/RFO, and DOE/HQ review and provide comments on the draft document by December 17, 1993. Because of a directive by the new RFO Plant Manager for a two-week "stand down" of the RFO plant from December 6 - 17, 1993, DOE/RFO would like to schedule a meeting between your agencies, on either December 20 or 21, 1993, to discuss initial comments on the preliminary draft document, and jointly finalize a schedule for the IM/IRA document. In addition, DOE requests from EPA a status and schedule of the Draft NPDES permit for the Rocky Flats Plant since coordination will be required for the public comment period for both the IM/IRA pond water management document and the NPDES permit.

In conclusion, DOE/RFO strongly feels that communication on this IM/IRA between our agencies needs to be restored, and DOE will do its part to work together with your agencies to improve that effort.

Contact Norma I. Castaneda at 966-4226, or Gail Hill at 966-3424 if you should have any further questions regarding the Draft Pond Water IM/IRA decision document.

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